

Saul Pett

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Collection Summary

Title: Saul Pett Papers

Span Dates: 1940-1993

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1960-1984)

ID No.: MSS84094

Creator: Pett, Saul, 1918-1993

Extent: 3,850 items; 11 containers plus 1 oversize; 4.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Journalist. Correspondence, notebooks, articles, legal documents, photographs, and other related material documenting Pett's career with the Associated Press.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Abourezk, James.

Carter, Jimmy, 1924-

Coleman, William T. (William Thaddeus), 1920-

Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006.

Gallagher, Wes, 1911- --Correspondence.

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.

Pett, Saul, 1918-1993.

Richardson, Elliot L., 1920-1999.

Organizations

Associated Press.

Subjects

Journalism--United States.

Pulitzer Prizes.

Occupations

Journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Saul Pett, journalist, were given to the Library of Congress by his daughters, Amy Pett, Sukey Pett, and Kathy Pett Ryman via Marie S. W. Ridder in 1997.

Processing History:

The papers of Saul Pett were arranged and described in 1998. The register was revised in 2008.

Transfers:

Audiovisual and sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Saul Pett Papers.

Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Saul Pett Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1918, Mar. 18	Born, Passaic, N.J.
1940	B.J., University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. Copyboy, <i>New York Daily News</i> , New York, N.Y.
circa 1940	Married Leanore Green (died 1978)
1940-1946	Reported for International News Service in Detroit, Mich., New York, N.Y., and Chicago, Ill.
1946	Joined Associated Press, New York, N.Y.
1955	Accompanied Richard Evelyn Byrd on International Geophysical Year expedition to Antarctica
1959	Reported on Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev's tour of the United States
1960	Reported from Belgian Congo during struggle for independence Awarded Sigma Delta Chi award for general reporting
1962	Awarded Distinguished Service in Journalism medal, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
1964	Named Associated Press special correspondent
1972	Accompanied President Richard M. Nixon to Moscow, USSR, for signing of first nuclear arms limitation treaty
1982	Awarded Pulitzer Prize for feature writing
1989	Moved to Washington, D.C.
1991	Retired from Associated Press
1993, June 13	Died, McLean, Va.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Saul Pett (1918-1993) span the years 1940-1993, with the bulk of the material dating from 1960 to 1984. Pett, a feature writer for Associated Press during much of his career, was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for journalism in 1982. As a feature writer, Pett covered personalities and the human interest side of events rather than hard news stories. Pett's papers are organized into four series: [Notebooks](#), [Stories File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Notebooks](#) series is comprised of small, spiral-bound, pocket-sized notebooks in which Pett recorded story notes. Several bear subject annotation, but the majority do not, and some include unrelated subjects.

Draft and published copies of Pett's features make up the [Stories File](#), and, while not inclusive, they cover all of his career. Stories concern international travels and interviews with notable leaders and citizens. Political leaders regarding whom there are both published stories and interview notes or transcripts include James Abourezk, Jimmy Carter, William T. Coleman, Gerald R. Ford, Hubert H. Humphrey, and Elliot L. Richardson.

The [Miscellany](#) contains various subject files and material, including correspondence with well-wishers concerning Pett's Pulitzer Prize, legal documents, and photographs. Correspondence with Wes Gallagher, general manager of Associated Press, sheds light on the internal workings of the organization. [Oversize](#) includes a diploma and retirement scrapbook.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Notebooks, undated](#)
- [Stories File, 1942-1991](#)
- [Miscellany, 1940-1993](#)
- [Oversize, 1940-1991](#)

Description of Series

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Notebooks, undated

Small, spiral-bound notebooks.
Unarranged.

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Stories File, 1942-1991

Draft and published copies of hard news and feature articles by Pett.
Arranged into general topics and therein chronologically, or by personalities, places and events
and therein alphabetically.

BOX 10-11

Miscellany, 1940-1993

Correspondence, legal records, photographs, and printed matter.
Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically.

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Oversize, 1940-1991

Diploma and scrapbook.
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were
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